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- 1. DACCA PRESS OF JANUARY 28 AND 30 CARRY REPORTS OF NEW TROUBLES ALONG NORTHERN BORDER WITH INDIA. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S (JANUARY 30) ACCOUNT "MISCREANTS" CROSSED BORDER FROM INDIA IN AREA NEAR JAMALPUR ON JANUARY 28 BUT WERE REPULSED BY BANGLADESH RIFLES, SUPPORTED BY LOCAL LEVIES. THIS NEW INCIDENT APPEARS TO BE IN CONTINUATION OF PROBLEMS THAT BEGAN FURTHER EAST ALONG THIS STRETCH OF BORDER AT DURGAPUR ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 19 AND CONTINUED FOR FOUR DAYS. THE DURGAPUR INCIDENTS WERE FIRST REPORTED IN THE PRESS ONLY ON JANUARY 28.
- 2. FACT THAT THESE INCIDENTS ARE BEING REPORTED THIS WEEK IS AN IMPORTANT DEPARTURE FROM THE RECENT SILENT TREATMENT OF ISSUES LIKELY TO INTENSIFY BANGALES FEARS OF -- AND HOSTILITY TOWARD -- INDIA. THE MATTER TAKES ON INCREASED IMPORTANCE BECAUSE BANGLADESH TIMES CARRIES SIGNED COLUMN BY ENAYETULLAH KHAN CRITICIZING INDIA FOR PERMITTING THE INCIDENTS TO HAPPEN. IN HIS ARTICLE, ENAYETULLAH CITEXUAXUMATTER OF GENUINE CONCERN TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ELEMENTS, THE SETTING UP OF TRAINING CAMPS AND THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF THE BORDER SECURITY FORCES OF INDIA IN THIS BORDER-BLITZ." SINCE HE IS RED FLAG TO THE INDIAN BULL, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE MARTIAL LAW REGIME TO ALLOW COLUMN TO BE RUN UNDERSCORES THEIR CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY ASSERT ARE FRESH PRESSURES BY INDIA. BOSTER

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